Solihull Super Starts – The Reception Year

recorded
Solihull Early Years Support Teams







Overview

We asked you to share what you wanted the content of this event to be

how
professionals
prepare their
pupils.

What is working well and where are the gaps - if any.

ch in nappies and toilet training. How other schools cope

Cll and psed skills. Managing curric expectations...above with ltd staff capacity

Ideas of how to support families with children who have SEND in the process of starting school. Numbers of SEND children in EYFS - data to look at trends / schools with particular high needs How many schools are using the Solihull definition of school readiness? How is 'school readiness' shared with parents in different settings?

a standalone one-stop-shop webpage that is parent friendly that directs them to useful websites or events that are on, such as in the hubs. Or a monthly/termly parent newsletter from the LA for parents informing them of upcoming events or sign-posting them to key websites. Speech and Language support for parents

We will discuss and share some of these themes at EY lead networks 17&18 June



Hoped for outcomes:

- understand the services available in Solihull and how to access them
- understanding of the resources available Graduated Approach and wider guidance
- Supporting 'readiness'- ours, families and child.

LGA peer review

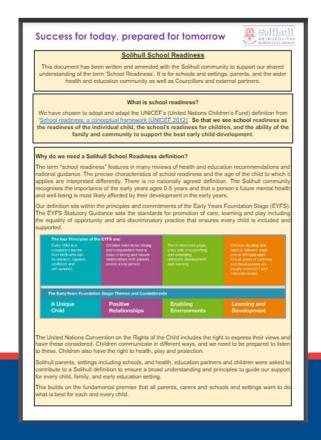
- School readiness is well defined but not necessarily understood widely, also creates a pressure on families.
- If needs have changed, have we changed our expectations and the system in response?
- Families want what's best for their children, but don't always know where to go or what to do.



Solihull school readiness

What is school readiness?

We have chosen to adopt and adapt the UNICEF's (United Nations Children's Fund) definition from 'School readiness: a conceptual framework (UNICEF 2012)'. So that we see school readiness as the readiness of the individual child, the school's readiness for children, and the ability of the family and community to support the best early child-development.



https://www.solihull.gov.uk/sites/default/files/20 23-03/Solihull-School-Ready-Definition.pdf

Solihull Parents' Network

In this section: Getting out and about Solihull Parents' Network

Would you like to know what's happening in Solihull and its neighbouring areas, for children and families? Then join our Parents' Network for the latest information.

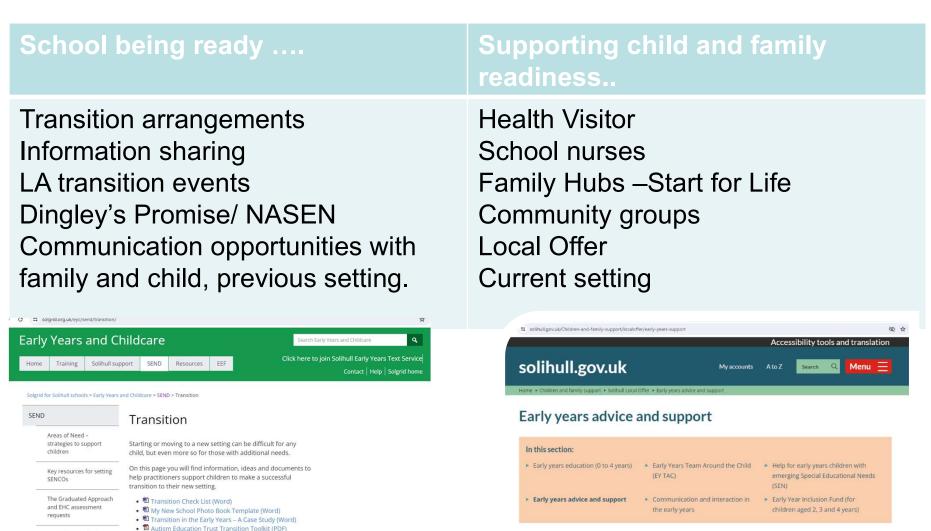
You'll receive regular eBulletins throughout the year, with information about the latest activities and events that are taking place.

Join our network

It's easy to sign up.

Join our Parents' Network

School readiness support

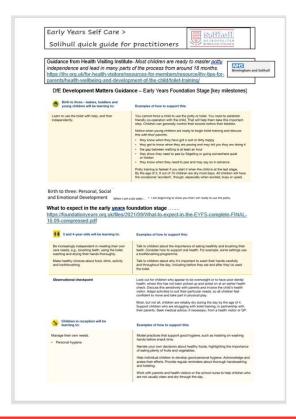


Supporting Parents



Continence self-care guidance

https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/resources/safeguarding-and-welfare/health-and-safety/



- DfE EYFS guidance- settings and parents
- Equality
- Working with parents
- Health and safety and Safeguarding and dignity
- Further guidance

Castle Bromwich Infant and Nursery case study



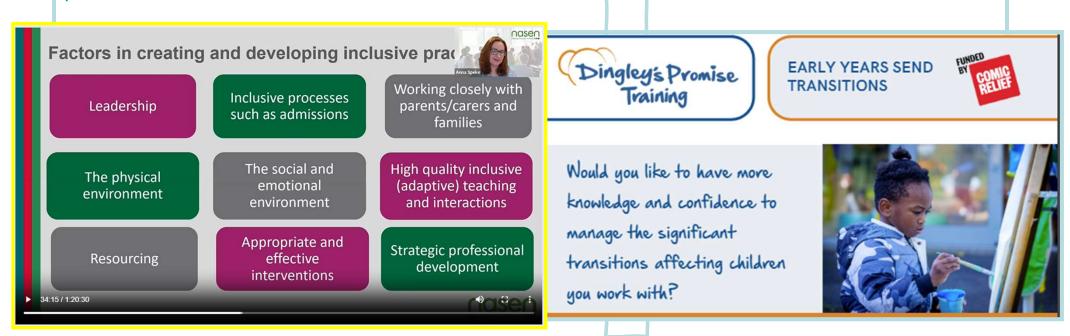
Further transition information- SEND+

NASEN- positive beginnings

https://www.wholeschoolsend.org.uk/resources/positive-beginnings-supporting-children-send-starttheir-school-journey

Dingley's Promise https://www.solgrd.org.uk/eyc/training/training-from-other-

providers/





Overview Attachment Aware& Trauma Informed Schools

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Training
Objectives in
the AATi

Attachment Theory

Relationships and Nurture

Introduction to brain development

Childhood adversity and trauma

Approaches to support for educators



Importance of relationships

"Quality relationships provide the necessary vehicles for adaptation and recovery... Every relationship has the power to confirm or challenge everything that has

gone before"

(Dan Hughes & Louise Bomber, 2013)



What is Attachment Theory?

- A theory developed by John Bowlby and later expanded by Mary Ainsworth
- It explains the important evolutionary function of the child-caregiver relationship
- When a child is attached to someone, he or she is:

...strongly disposed to seek proximity to and contact with a specific figure and to do so in certain situations, *notably when he is frightened, tired or ill*

Bowlby, Attachment and Loss, Vol.1 Attachment, 1969, p.371



Definition of attachment



"Attachment is the name given to the bond a baby makes with its caregiver/s. There is longstanding evidence that a baby's social and emotional development is affected by their attachment to their parents." (1001 Critical Days, 2015)

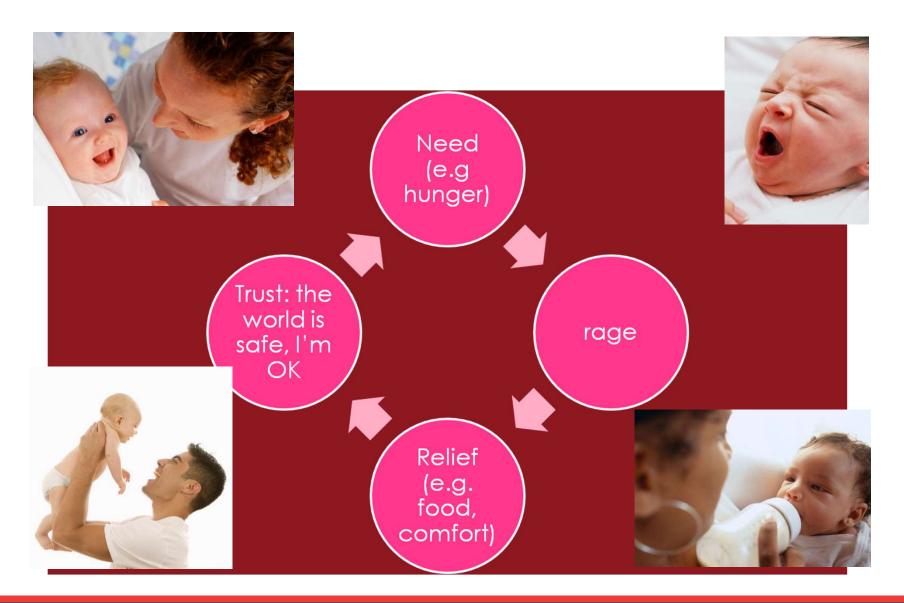
"Early attachment relations are thought to be crucial for later social relationships and for the development of capacities for emotional and stress regulation, self-control and mentalisation" (NICE, 2018).

"Mother love in infancy is as important for mental health as are vitamins and proteins for physical health."

(Bowlby, 1980)



The Bonding Cycle: Secure





The Neuroscience of Relationships

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The kind of parenting we get as babies makes a big difference to the brain we develop. If we're nurtured lovingly, we thrive emotionally.

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Sue Gerhardt Why Love Matters (2015)





Child feels threatened and seeks comfort.

The World Exploratory System

Secure Attachment Base



Internal Working Model

Self: lovable, worthy, effective

Others: reliable, loving, responsive & interested

World: predictable, safe to

explore

Child feels safe & secure and explores.

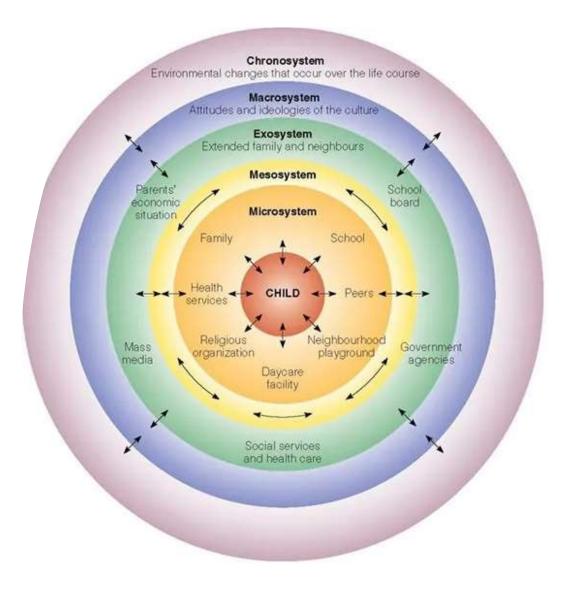
Parenting:
Sensitive
Accepting
Co-operating
Accessible







Bronfenbrenner's Eco systemic Model (1979)

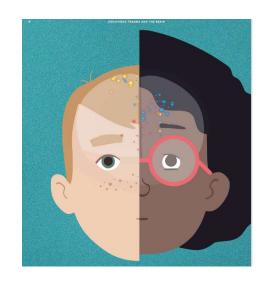




The Role of the Brain

Brain adaptions are made to help the young person to survive within a certain environment

Adaptions can be beneficial but may lead to difficulties for the young person in:



Learning

Navigating social situations

Predicting events

Accurately reading emotions



Trauma and Brain Development

UK Trauma Council:

- Children- and their brains- adapt to survive.
- When a child grows up in an environment where there is abuse and neglect, their brains will be shaped by those experiences.
- These brain changes may help the child survive in that adverse environment.
- However, these same changes may make a child more vulnerable to developing mental health problems in future everyday environments



Summary

- The AATi programme aims to develop attachment and trauma awareness in every school and setting in Solihull.
- It comprises of 3 core aspects, followed by a bespoke phase.
- Contact the Virtual School for development opportunities.



Nicola Eatherington

Admissions



- https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions
- https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/resources/learning-and-development/ -Reception delayed entry to school.



Setting and school support

- https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/
- https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-familysupport/localoffer
- https://edportals.solihull.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/Synerg yWeb/Solihull Childcare/
- https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-familysupport/family-hubs
- https://healthforunder5s.co.uk/solihull/



SPCV booklet – parents surveys +

















Clair McNeill- Ofsted



- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-WFUgD4XLs Ofsted Early Years in School
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhz-AM9vyhs -Ofsted Communication and Language in a school curriculum



Ofsted

Clair McNeill Head of Education outcomes and intervention



EYFS curriculum

- Based on seven areas of learning and development
- Early learning goals expectations at the end of EYFS
- How you organise and plan your provision will be based on your vision as s school
- EYFS curriculum MUST be part of the whole school curriculum what does history look like in EYFS and how you link with subject leaders.
- Ofsted will focus on how the early years curriculum lay the foundation for the national curriculum from KS1
- How the environment and curriculum are adapted for children with additional needs.



What are Inspectors looking for?

To prevent myths being created, I've set out here what inspectors will be looking at during deep dives into early reading. They will consider the extent to which:

- direct, focused phonics is taught every day in Reception and key stage 1
- children read from books with the sounds they know, while they are learning to read
- teachers and teaching assistants provide extra practice through the day for the children who make the slowest progress (the lowest 20%)
- teachers instil in children a love of literature: the best stories and poems
- However, we do not expect to see phonics in 'continuous provision' activities. This is a time
 to develop children's talk, play and wider curriculum experiences. A 'language-rich'
 environment is just about talking with children, not building displays, or sticking on Post-it
 Notes.



Quality of Education Judgement

- the school is determined that every pupil will learn to read, regardless of their background, needs or abilities. All pupils, including the weakest readers, make sufficient progress to meet or exceed age-related expectations
- stories, poems, rhymes and non-fiction are chosen for reading to develop pupils' vocabulary, language comprehension and love of reading. Pupils are familiar with and enjoy listening to a wide range of stories, poems, rhymes and non-fiction





- the school's phonics programme matches or exceeds the expectations of the national curriculum and the EYFS early learning goals. The school has clear expectations of pupils' phonics progress term by term, particularly from Reception to Year 2
- the sequence of reading books shows a cumulative progression in phonics knowledge that is matched closely to the school's phonics programme.
 Teachers give pupils sufficient practice in reading and re-reading books that match the grapheme—phoneme correspondences they know, both at school and at home



- reading, including the teaching of systematic synthetic phonics, is taught from the beginning of Reception
- the ongoing assessment of pupils' phonics progress is sufficiently frequent and detailed to identify any pupil who is falling behind the programme's pace. If they do fall behind, targeted support is given immediately
- the school has developed sufficient expertise in the teaching of phonics and reading



Grade descriptors for Good

- There is a sharp focus on ensuring that children acquire a wide vocabulary, communicate effectively and, in Reception, secure a knowledge of phonics, which gives them the foundations for future learning, especially in preparation for them to become confident and fluent readers.
- The school's approach to teaching early reading and synthetic phonics is systematic and ensures that all children learn to read words and simple sentences accurately by the end of Reception.
- The school has the same academic ambitions for almost all children. For children with particular needs, such as those with SEND, their curriculum is designed to be ambitious and to meet their needs.



Staff are knowledgeable about the areas of learning they teach.
They manage the EYFS curriculum and pedagogy in relation to
the learning needs of their children. Staff are expert in teaching
systematic, synthetic phonics and ensure that children practise
their reading from books that match their phonics knowledge.



Final thoughts

- Be confident, you know your school
- Understand your provision, why you do what you do
- Adaptive environment and curriculum for SEND
- Link to the National curriculum
- Know your priorities and gaps
- Know your children and families
- Impact



Education Inclusion- Sophie Oldfield







- https://solgrid365.sharepoint.com/sites/EducationExtranet/SitePages/SchoolsRestricted/Education InclusionService/Home.aspx
- https://www.solihull.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-03/Jan-2024-SMBC-PTTT-process-flowchart.pdf



Connected Care Network in Solihull – Dr Rafi



https://connectedcarenetwork.co.uk/

See separate ppt.....



The current context -data

Number of children moving to Reception **2543**

Number of children supported by Early Years Team [in N2 now] > **185** children EHCP [as of 21.5.24]

Under assessment EHCP > 4

EHCP > 22



EHCP Team -Clare Matthews

- Nursery EHCPs > 50
- Reception EHCPs >107

 Children in EHCA process in Nursery [N1+N2] >33

 Children in EHCP process in Reception [YR] > 9



Support for SEND

- Apologies SOLAR
 https://www.bsmhft.nhs.uk/our-services/solar/
- Early Years Team- Jane Glassey
- SISS Paula Thompson



Overview of SEND support from the Early Years Team



Who are we

- There is still a misconception that we are part of SISS we are not –but work closely with SISS
- We are part of school improvement team~ our job descriptions are about building capacity of early years providers and ensuring children are supported through the Graduated Approach
- We are Area SENCos not support/ advisory teachers



The Area SENCo role

- We are experts in being an early years SENCO
- Unlike SISS we are not employed to be experts in a particular SEND area we are experts in the SEND process in the early years and being a SENCo
- We support early intervention for children with SEND



Home support

- Our home support team known as ISPs act as SENCos for children not in a group setting this includes those who go to childminders.
- This is the earliest intervention for these children and families
- Without this support they would start reception with nothing in place.



Setting support PVI

- The Area SENCo's from our team support the SENCo's in private nurseries to understand the code of practice and follow the graduated approach.
- We enable PVI nurseries to intervene early and evidence they are following the graduated approach.



School nurseries

- The SENCo's in schools are teachers who have an expertise in SEND and the SEND processes
- The support we offer is often early years focused for example funding or around how the equality act applies etc. or strategies that are early years specific
- We invite both schools and PVIs to training



Transition support

- We support in to the first half term of reception for those already known to us.
- Many children move internally within school and teachers should share plans.
- Encourage sharing of information parents and next teachers > strategies that have often been supporting children throughout nursery in school and are on-going in YR



Early Years Resources and Support

- We have developed a variety of early years specific documents and resources
- SEND (solgrid.org.uk)







Specialist Inclusion support Service (SISS)

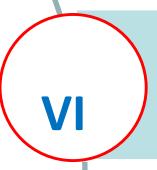


Teams within SISS

Teams working in all schools	Working with	Traded Teams - schools buy in	Working with
Sensory and Physical Impairment Team	0–19 yrs- children and young people with a diagnosed hearing, visual, multi-sensory impairment and/or a physical disability.	Communication and Learning Difficulties Team	Statutory School age children with SLCN and/ or learning needs
Autism Team	Statutory School age for children with a diagnosis of autism/ASD.	Social Emotional and Mental Health Team	Statutory School age for children with SEMH needs
SLCD Team – ARC at Bishop Wilson and outreach	Following diagnosis of a severe speech and /or language disorder – attending nursery/ school.		
High Needs Social Emotional and Mental Health Team	Statutory School age for pupils at risk of permanent exclusion		



This is a medically diagnosed hearing impairment (HI) which necessitates the use of amplification equipment. The National Sensory Impairment Partnership eligibility framework is used to assess levels of HI and the impairment has an impact on their access to the curriculum, ability to be fully involved in learning and social activities.



A long term, medically defined, visual impairment (VI) that cannot be corrected with standard glasses or contact lenses; including visual processing difficulties such as Cerebral Visual Impairment. The impairment has an impact on their access to the curriculum, their ability to be fully involved in learning and social activities. The NATSIP eligibility framework to assess levels of visual impairment.



A child is considered to have a multi-sensory impairment when they have a dual loss to both their distance senses- hearing and vision. They may also have neurological differences /additional needs which cause them to function as if they have significant sensory impairment/s. All children with a dual loss will have difficulties in the three key areas of communication, gaining of information and orientation and mobility



This is a medically identified physical disability which limits a person's physical functioning, mobility, dexterity or stamina. The CYP's level of physical functioning will be a cause of concern and have an impact on their access to the curriculum and their ability to be fully involved in learning and social activities. Examples of long term conditions include Cerebral Palsy. Spina Bifida. Achondroplasia and brittle bones.



SISS Autism Team

Universal

 Pupil has a confirmed diagnosis of Autism, is in a mainstream Solihull provision and is opened to our caseload for potential further input if required.

Targeted

 Advsiory teacher support focusing either on specific pupil through observation and advice, anxiety report, sensory report or Executive Function report, attendance at TAC meetings or key annual reviews. (Taken from allocated hours for school)

High Need

- Request for support submitted and moderated to team.
- Direct intervention with pupil from Inclusion Support Practitioner (ISP) for 6 to 8 weeks, once weekly.

AIM

- Advisory teacher and ISP support for pupils currently not attending or unable to attend consistently (Currently prioritise under 50% attendance due to capacity)
- May also be in place for pupils at risk of Permanent Exclusion.
- Regular TAC meetings, ongoing support adapted to meet pupil need.



Support from the Communication and Learning Difficulties Team

- SLCD: offer to all schools
- If child has been assessed by the Speech and Language Therapy as having a severe speech and /or language disorder, they will be referred to the SLCD outreach team. The SLCD team can support parents and help with transitions, targeted work and upskilling school staff.
- The Speech, Language and Communication Disorders Team | solihull.gov.uk

- CLD: offer to schools who buy in
- If a child has been known to the Early Years SEND Team, where that team ends its support, school can request that the CLD Team, or equivalent provide support.
- Alternatively, where a child is identified with SEND, after a Graduated Approach to support if a child is not making sufficient progress, or needs ahigh level of support to make progress, school can buy in a CLD Specialist Teacher to provide assessment and advice, staff training or direct work with a pupil.
- Communication and Learning Difficulties
 Team Parent Information (solihull.gov.uk)



SISS SEMH TEAM

- SEMH Traded offer
- Schools can use the hours of support they have purchased to seek advice from a specialist teacher. This could be assessment and guidance, staff training in a particular approach such as PACE, solution circles for adults working with the child, individual support for the class teacher/T.A., support to set up a nurture group etc.
- SEMH offer to all schools
- For children at risk of exclusion the school can request support via the Single Alternative Provision panel.
- A plan of support would be put in place with the team around the child (TAC) which would include; an advisory teacher, Inclusion Support Practitioner, Play Therapist and/or Educational Psychologist, according to the needs identified in the planning meeting



REFRESH

- REFRESH is an early intervention nurture provision based on Coleshill Heath School site.
- It is an 18 place provision with a key stage 1 and key stage 2 group (Year one and beyond).
- Evidenced based approach integrating the 6 principles of nurture.
- Children attend 4 days per week and return to their home school on the 5th day.

- Play therapist on site
- Bespoke SEMH curriculum which uses the Boxall profiles to identify and plan for gaps' in children's experiences and learning.
- Outreach support provided to the home school weekly and on transition back after the intervention.



EYS Support provided by SISS

Team	EYS support 0-2 years	EYS Support 3-4 years	EYS support Reception
SPI [Data as of 1/5/24]	6+ 0 + 3 + 1 = 10	11 + 7 + 9 + 8 = 35	11 + 7 + 10 = 28
SLCD Data as of 8/5/24		1	9
Autism Team		45	Move to school allocation of time. Can also request HN support.



What support is available for schools and parents? (solihull.gov.uk)

Specialist Inclusion
Support Service (SISS)
(solihull.gov.uk)



What next?

Poll

Chat – how can we help?

- Leaders and managers EYFS in June
- Post info sharing survey

